

# AAUW Howard County Branch NEWSLETTER



OUR MISSION: *To advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.*

March 2014

## CALENDAR

### March

#### Soup'r Sundae

March 3, Noon-2pm  
Wilde Lake High School

#### Adventures in Dining

March 4, 6:30pm  
Kelsey's on Route 40 by the  
Normandy Shopping Center

#### Education Committee

March 9  
Girl Power, Johns Hopkins  
Applied Physics Lab

#### Great Decisions

March 17, 7-9pm  
Topic: Turkey's Challenges  
Home of Frankie Schwenk

#### Board Meeting

March 18, 7pm -8:30pm  
East Columbia Library  
Cradle Rock  
East Columbia Room

#### Lunch Bunch

March 27, 11:30am  
Nordstrom Café, Columbia Mall

### April

#### Adventures in Dining

April 1, 6:30pm  
Pachanga's on the western  
part of Route 40 in Ellicott City

#### Fashion Show

April 26, 6:30pm  
Vantage House

### June

#### Cultural Committee

June 1  
Columbia House Tour

*Reminder: Anyone who needs a ride or a special accommodation to attend a branch event, contact Diversity Chair, Peggy Wong at [my\\_nest@verizon.net](mailto:my_nest@verizon.net) or (410) 997-7019.*

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Each year at this time, a Nominating Committee looks for candidates to fill Board of Director positions that are expiring in June.

This year the committee members are: Cookie Cogan, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Bea Dane, Financial Officer, Kathy McCarthy, Co VP Philanthropy, Janet Hoch, Co VP Membership and Lorraine Tropf, President.

On April 8, at the Annual Meeting, you will vote for the nominees. Nominations will be taken from the floor with the consent of the nominee.

The nominees are:

President	Gail Brown
1 <sup>st</sup> VP	Donna Aycock
VP Membership	Janet Hoch
Co VPs Education	Amy Robinson and Pam Savage
Co VPs Programs	Elizabeth Ombija and Karen Ownbey

I would like to thank the Nominating Committee members for their efforts to fill the positions and to the nominees for allowing us to nominate them.

Looking back at February's programs, special thanks go to Amy Robinson, Cynthia Cupples and everyone who was contributed to the success of the Practice SAT test and the Scores Back Session. We had 29 students take the test. The proceeds of the program will go to our philanthropic funds.

Gail Brown and Carol Phelps did a wonderful job coordinating the "Book Bash". Our knowledgeable librarians; Roberta Rood, Jean Salkeld and Marge Trautman drew a crowd to hear their recommendations and personal insights into books for winter reading. Thank you.

March 23 is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception. This will take the place of our March meeting. I hope to see you there.

*Lorraine Tropf, President*

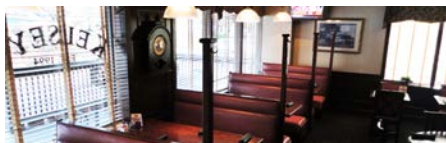


*Honoring the Past – Embracing the Future "1964-2014"*

<http://howardcounty-md.aauw.net>

Editors: Candace dePass & Josie Thompson

Photographer: Donna Aycock



**Adventures in Dining**

We will meet at Kelsey's on Route 40 by the Normandy Shopping Center on **Tuesday, March 4th** at 6:30. They always have a great menu including some Irish fare for St Patrick's Day!! Please RSVP if you are able to join us so that I may make appropriate reservations. Since we cancelled our Feb outing due to school closings, we will visit Dimitris later in the year. Our **April 1st** adventure will be Pachanga's on the western part of Route 40 in Ellicott City. They had a wonderful steak special last year and the food was plentiful and great!! RSVP to carolmcauliffe@verizon.net. Carol McAuliffe, Chair, Adventures in Dining

**Lunch Bunch**

We will meet on Thursday, March 27th, in Nordstrom's Cafe, Columbia Mall at 11:30 am. Gail Rust, Lunch Bunch Chair

**Diversity**

As we celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our branch, we cannot help but think of all that has happened in the past 50 years, not only within our branch but also without

The world has become a smaller place with technology enabling immediate communication and reach almost anywhere in the world. Our economies are intertwined. There are few places in the world left to mystique or mystery. If we are to subtract poverty from the equation, knowledge or education needs to be available to the masses. We have become more tolerant and accepting of people who are different from us. Yet we remain wanting. We have yet to overcome intolerance on many levels.

We women have a pivotal role in bringing about change. Look at us. In recent decades, we have made astounding metamorphoses from traditional roles as daughters, wives, and mothers into activists, careerists, professionals and political voices, even while retaining our traditional roles.

There is no doubt that all of us at our branch embrace diversity in theory. It is time for us to put it into practice—truly. Peggy Wong Chair, Diversity Committee

**Save the Date!** Cultural Committee Chairs Jean Salkeld, Emma Pope, and Roberta Rood would be delighted to have you join them on Sunday June 1 for the annual Columbia House Tour. In the past, we've done this tour as a group and then enjoyed a meal together.

Hope you will be able to join us for this always interesting experience. Details to follow

**Fashion Show**

The much-anticipated annual Fashion Show will be on April 26 this year. The theme of our most successful fundraiser is: **Celebrate in Style**. That means, of course, that our models (all members of our branch) will be in chic clothes for celebratory events.

New this year: Period fashion (fun!) to commemorate our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. And, in addition to the wildly popular boutique-quality accessories sale: books, books, and books at unbelievable prices!

Again, we are the grateful beneficiaries of the generosity of Lord & Taylor of Columbia dressing our models so fashionably, and of the Vantage House donating the venue and tasty treats.

We awarded 5 scholarships to graduates of Howard Community College going on to 4-year colleges from the savings of proceeds from fashion shows, silent auctions at holiday parties, practice SATs, and other fundraisers realized through the tireless efforts of our branch members. Let us continue to pursue our philanthropic goals with zest and generosity.

Soon, we will mail tickets to each member to buy and to sell. Please plan to buy your tickets early. We sold out pretty fast last year! Having more ticket stubs means more chances at our fabulous door prizes! See you at the Fashion Show!

Philanthropy Committee

**Great Decisions** Monday, **March 17**, 7-9 pm  
Topic: *Turkey's Challenges*  
Home of Frankie Schwenk

Great Decisions is a grassroots discussion program sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association to promote citizens' knowledge of world affairs. FPA publishes a briefing book with articles on eight topics chosen for the year. Group members purchase the book and read the article before the meeting. At meetings, we start by watching a DVD with a PBS program on the topic, then discuss questions from the briefing book.

Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month from 7-9pm. Discussions are lively and informative. You are welcome to join the group for one or all topics. If you wish to receive a monthly e-mail with meeting details, contact Diane Roca at dbroca@comcast.net or 410.964/3523. Order your own discussion book at www.fpa.org. The cost is \$20.

Diane Roca, Chair, Great Decisions

**Future Meetings**  
All on Mondays, 7pm  
(NOTE: No meetings in July and August):

**April 21**  
*Islamic Awakening*  
Jill Lapid's home

**May 19**  
*Energy Independence*  
Trent Kittleman's home

**June 16**  
*Food and Climate*  
Gaynel Allen's home

**September 15**  
*China's Foreign Policy*  
Laura Violand's home

**October 20**  
*U.S. Trade Policy*  
Gail Rust's home

## Honoring the Past – Embracing the Future “1964-2014”



The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning committee is very excited to share what they learned about our branch’s history and some of their ideas for the coming year.

Cookie Cogan, [cookiecogan@verizon.net](mailto:cookiecogan@verizon.net) and Sandra Smith, [Vivaperu17@aol.com](mailto:Vivaperu17@aol.com) are leading the anniversary planning committee. If you would like to join the committee, explore the archives and discover our past, they would be happy to welcome you to the committee.



### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Dates

#### March 23

Anniversary Reception, 2-4pm  
Applied Physics Laboratory, Laurel

#### April 26

Lord and Taylor Fashion Show  
Vantage House

*“Honoring Our Past”*: branch models will wear fashions typical for the decades when our branch was forming;

*“Embracing Our Future”*: followed by branch models with today’s Lord and Taylor’s fashions.

## Remember, Record and Pass It On

Having looked at the perspectives of a variety of AAUW’s past leaders, we thought it would be interesting to see what our current president thinks about the importance of celebrating milestones like our 50th branch anniversary. In addition, we wanted to understand why a current leader became involved and took on leadership roles when, by comparison with the situation 50 or even 20 years ago, there are now so many organizations and venues where women can gather, share and contribute to the community.

Our current president, Lorraine Trof, has served our branch as both Co-Vice President for Programs and as President, which is somewhat remarkable since she only joined the branch in 2010! Ms. Trof had prior experience with AAUW in NY, where she graduated from college as a non-traditional student, when she was 29. At that time, a neighbor took her to an AAUW meeting and within months, she was recruited to be Board Secretary. “When the President invited me over and asked if I’d be interested in a Board position. I said ‘yes’ without thinking too much about it.” The values and initiatives of AAUW resonated with her own experience. She was very involved on the Board and in various committees for 3-4 years, until work and family demands increased and she lost touch with AAUW.

When she moved to Maryland, Lorraine worked with Dottie Mallerich, who was an AAUW member. Dottie



invited her to become a member again. “It was very similar to the NY program,” she recalled, noting that while educational and professional opportunities for women have increased, the fight for equal pay continues. With the perspective of a 20+ year career administering EEO and Affirmative Action programs, Ms. Trof saw her re-involvement in AAUW as an opportunity to continue to support the issues for which she had advocated in her career, as well as a way to connect with new friends through the wide variety of social activities offered.

Asked what she is proudest of accomplishing, Lorraine was quick to say that through the efforts of the current Board and committees, she is very proud that the Howard County branch has been able to get women excited about AAUW. “There are more

people attending meetings, more people joining committees and more activities available.”

Reflecting on her presidency, she said, “board members are volunteers. It is important for them to remember to enjoy what they are doing.” As we celebrate our 50th anniversary as a branch, Lorraine effusively praised the Anniversary Committee, for finding so many ways to remind us of how special it is to be part of an organization that has operated and provided help to our county continuously for 50 years. “Our success is built on the work and successes of past boards and members,” she emphasized. “When you look at the archives left by those who organized our 10th or 25th or 40th anniversaries, you see the care those women took to preserve pictures and programs and documents that remind us that AAUW was important to them and AAUW was recognized as important to the community. We need to leave our own legacy for the 60th anniversary members and those who follow. We need to remember, record and pass it on.”

#### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

Co-1st VPs: Cookie Cogan/Sandra Smith, Bea Dane, Stashia Goray, Susan Hailman, Shigeyo Ibrahim, Rita Kaiser, Elizabeth Ombija, Josie Thompson, Lorraine Trof, Inge Stocklin, Dawn Thompsen, Laura Violand, Morag Weedlun, Penny Zervos



***Sunday, March 23, 2014***

You and your guest are cordially invited to a reception to celebrate  
the 50th Anniversary of AAUW Howard County

The branch was chartered on January 30, 1964 as the Ellicott City Branch  
then renamed in 1980 as AAUW Howard County Branch

***Reception 2-4PM***

3 PM Remarks and Scholarship Awards

***Location***

\*The Applied Physics Laboratory  
11100 Johns Hopkins Rd, Laurel, Maryland 20723

***RSVP By March 15, 2014***

**Give your name and your guest's name to  
Stashia Goray**

At

**Theresa.goray@jhuapl.edu**

Or

**443 778-5819**

\* APL is located on Johns Hopkins Road, approximately 1/2 mile west of U.S. Route 29  
Enter at APL Drive which is the Main Laboratory Entrance (0.8 miles from Route 29)  
Look for and follow the balloons!



# **AAUW'S ANNUAL FASHION SHOW**

**Saturday, April 26, 2014  
1pm - 3pm**

**Vantage House  
5400 Vantage Point Road, Columbia 21044**

*A Celebration of Style!*

*AAUW Howard County's 50th Anniversary*



**Fashions by Lord & Taylor - Columbia Mall**

**Tickets: \$20  
Book Sale  
Fabulous Accessories Sale  
Door Prizes  
Refreshments**

To benefit the philanthropic programs of the  
American Association of University Women  
Of Howard County:

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# Soup'r Sundae



**A family-friendly fundraiser  
for [Grassroots\\*](#)**

***Howard County's only emergency shelter***

**Sunday, March 3, 2013 • Noon–2 pm  
Wilde Lake High School**

**\$20 for adults, \$5 for children under 12**

## **All You Can Eat Soup, Bread & Ice Cream**

*From AIDA Bistro & Wine Bar, Alexandra's at Turf Valley, Coho Grill, Elkridge Furnace Inn, Honey Baked Ham Co., Iron Bridge Wine Co., Kelsey's, LeeLynn's, Mamma Lucia, Nor Pac Soup Co., T-Bonz Grille & Tap House, Tersiguel's, Victoria Gastro Pub, Waterside Restaurant at the Sheraton Columbia and Zapata's Restaurant; Bonaparte Breads, The Breadery and Great Harvest Bakeries; and Nestle-Dreyer's Grand Ice Cream and many others.*

## **Music & Entertainment For Children**

[Souprsundae.eventbrite.com](http://Souprsundae.eventbrite.com)

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**Advocacy Committee**

The National website [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) has links to a large amount of information on Advocacy, and other topics.

**AAUW's LAF Legal Advocacy Fund** [http://www.aauw.org/resources/by-type/directories/?resource\\_tag=legal-advocacy](http://www.aauw.org/resources/by-type/directories/?resource_tag=legal-advocacy)

There are also numerous links to additional resources on many of the topics they defend: Sexual Harassment at work or on campus, Title IX, Tenure, Family and Medical Leave Act, Pregnancy Discrimination Act and Pay Equity.

**AAUW's Budget 101 blog series** <http://www.aauw.org/resource/budget-101>

Occasional posts explain "the details of the tough decisions on federal spending and deficit reduction before Congress and the president." Past postings on Sequestration, Fiscal Cliff and Emergency unemployment benefits extension.

**Videos** <http://www.aauw.org/resources/by-type/media>

AAUW and the fight for fair pay; Title IX and other topics

**Position Papers** <http://www.aauw.org/resources/by-type/position-papers>

Information about AAUW's position on various topics such as Charter School, Social Security Privatization, STEM, Title IX and more.

**Quick Facts sheets** [http://www.aauw.org/resources/by-type/guides/?resource\\_tag=politics-government-relations](http://www.aauw.org/resources/by-type/guides/?resource_tag=politics-government-relations)

Download information sheets on Social Security, Gender Pay Gap, Paycheck Fairness Act

**Education Committee**

The Education Committee sponsored a practice SAT with Princeton Review on February 1. Twenty nine Howard County high school students took a full length SAT and 25 of them returned yesterday, February 22, to get their scores and learn strategies for improving them. Each student donated \$15 to our scholarship fund and with the generous donation of a room and refreshments by Vantage House for these events we were able to add \$435 to the scholarship fund. We are planning our next practice test for this summer.

Next up for the Education Committee is **Girl Power on March 9**. This is an event at the Applied Physics Lab for girls in middle and high school who are interested in STEM careers. AAUW will have a table and Deb McLaughlin will present topics on neuroscience and we will give away self inflating balloons donated by the American Chemical Society.

**Welcome our newest AAUW HoCo Members:**

**Danelle Buchman    Debbie Bastachy    Julie Rosenthal**

**New Member Orientation**

If you haven't already attended one of our quarterly New Member Orientations, you are invited to our very next Orientation on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 from 7- 8:30pm. That evening, you will get to know more about our branch, its mission, our Board members and all the social groups. Board members will discuss activities and ways you can be involved. One of the bonuses of attending is to meet other new members. Light Refreshments will be served.

**WHERE:** Janet Hoch's home, 11950 Simpson Road, Clarksville, MD 21029  
Please RSVP to Janet February 23, 2014: [janetahoch@verizon.net](mailto:janetahoch@verizon.net) or 301-725-1807

Deadline for the April newsletter is March 25. Please send items to Candace dePass and Josie Thompson at [ccdpass@gmail.com](mailto:ccdpass@gmail.com) and [josie@josiedesigns.com](mailto:josie@josiedesigns.com)